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Remarks

Claims 1-8 and 76-80 are pending in the application, with claim 1 being the independent claim. Claims 9-75, 81 and 82 have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Claims 36-39, 81 and 82 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,904,557 to Guthrie et al., or in the alternative, by JP-62-263-028. **Claims 36-39, 81 and 82 have been canceled by the present amendment, thereby rendering the rejection moot.**


The indication that claims 1-8 and 76-80 are allowed is gratefully noted. Claims 1-8 and 76-80 are the only pending claims, and thus, the application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

A Notice of Allowance with claims 1-8 and 76-80 is respectfully requested.

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